

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1905 - SB 1891**

April 19, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (016765):** Requires hospitals, clinics, and persons, including doctors and nurses, who are called upon to render aid to a person suffering from the effects of a drug overdose, to the extent allowed by state and federal law, to report the drug overdose to the appropriate chief of police or sheriff and the District Attorney General.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-1-101(a)(1), all hospitals, clinics, sanitariums, doctors, physicians, surgeons, nurses, pharmacists, undertakers, embalmers, or other persons called upon to render aid to a person suffering from a list of specified injuries, are required to immediately report such injuries to the appropriate chief of police or sheriff, and the District Attorney General.
- The proposed legislation adds drug overdoses to the extent allowed by state and federal law to the list of injuries required to be reported.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-1-103(a), failure to report rendering aid to any of the specified injuries within 24 hours is a Class A misdemeanor.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there have been zero Class A misdemeanor convictions for failure to report.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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